Agency (ATRA) to deal with sick mills in other areas. Government are yet to take a final decision on the recommendations.

Sanskrit University at Sringeri

*50. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Sanskrit University named after Rajiv Gandhi at Sringeri; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan and by when it will be setup?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) A decision has been taken in principle to set up a Sanskrit University at Sringeri. Institutional structures will be initiated which would eviolve into a university over a period of time.

New Typhoid germs

*51. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to press reports in which it has been stated that some new typhoid germs have been found and patients suffering from typhoid caused by these germs are not curable by conventional antibiotics;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a board of doctors and physicians to undertake research on a workable medicine for this type of typhoid; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Medical experts of the country have found that Solmonella Typhi Phage Type E-II is a strain of Typhoid germ which is resistant to conventional antibiotics, namely, Chloramphenicol. However, this strain is sensitive to Norfloxacin and Cipro-floxacin. The said strain has not been found recently; it is known to the medical community and is duly covered in the educational courses of the medical colleges. Thus, there is no need to set up a board of doctors and physicians to undertake research in the matter. The National Institute of Cholera and Entaric Diseases, Calcutta, has, however, carried out studies on the prevalence of multi-drug resistant enteric fever in hospitals and efficacy of furazalidone against it, which are relevant and would help us to tackle the problem more effectively.

Increase in the number of vehicles in the country

*52. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a tremendous increase in the number of motor vehicles in the country; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to adopt so as to reduce/eliminate pollution from motor vehicles both on short term and long term basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (INDEPENDENCE CHARGE) (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Vehicular population has increased in the following order:—

1980-81	5.00 million
1985-86	10.00 „
1988-89	16.7 „

(b) Steps taken by the Government to check emissions from motor vehicles include: